

Indiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission

High School Essay Competition

The Indiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission is pleased to announce an **essay competition for high school students**, grades 9 – 12, for the 2008 – 09 school year. This contest is in celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday on February 12, 2009.

Three awards will be given:

- 1st place is \$5,000
- 2nd place is \$3,000
- 3rd place is \$1,000

Each school may submit no more than three (3) entries. Principals should submit the school's entries and the following information: student's name, parent's or guardian's name, address, and home telephone number. Entries should be sent to the following address:

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Hamilton Heights Middle School
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All entries must be received by **November 1, 2008**. The selection of winners will be announced February 12, 2009. The awards will be presented at a later date in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The title of the essay will be "Abraham Lincoln's Legacy to Indiana." It must be at least 400 words in length with a maximum length of 600 words. It must be double spaced and typewritten.

Judges' scores will be based on the following four categories:

- **Development of plan** – organization and structure
- **Excellence of content** – documentation of research—use of a minimum of three (3) sources properly cited.
- **Originality of thought** – creative thoughts and ideas
- **Clarity of composition** – expression, spelling, punctuation, and grammar

All submitted essays will become the property of the Indiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. The Commission reserves the right to publish the winning entries, including electronic format.

If there are any questions please contact Daniel Smith at:

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